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1. JAPANESE MINISTER MAEDA CALLED ON VICE FONMIN
NO MARCH 11 TO DISCUSS FONMIN MIYAZAWA REMARKS ON
SHIINA MEMORANDUM (REFTEL). FOLLOWING MEETING, PRESS
REPORTED THAT MAEDA HAD "REGRETTEED" THAT MIYAZAWA'S
REMARKS HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AND HAD ASSURED ROKG
THAT REMARKS DID NOT MEAN THAT GOJ HAS NO INTENTION
OF LIVING UP TO "PROMISES" MADE IN THE MEMORANDUM.

2. JAPANESE EMBOFF KAWASHIMA TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 13
THAT GOJ THROUGH MAEDA AND IN PARALLEL REPRESENTATION
IN TOKYO HAD TOLD ROKG THAT SINCE SHIINA MEMORANDUM
IS NOT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS IT IS,
AS MIYAZAWA SAID, NOT BINDING. HOWEVER, GOJ WENT
ON TO ASSURE ROKG THAT MEMORANDUM IS A STATEMENT OF
THE JAPANESE POSITION AND THEREFORE JAPAN WILL CONTINUE
TO ABIDE BY IT. KAWASHIMA SAID THAT KOREANS SEEM
SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION.

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3. REGARDING MIYAZAWA COMMENT THAT SHIINA VISIT WAS

NOT INTENDED TO EXPRESS JAPANESE APOLOGY FOR SHOOTING INCIDENT, KAWASHIMA SAID GOJ ASSURED ROKG THAT WHILE SHIINA WAS NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE OFFICIAL APOLOGY HE DID IN FACT EXPRESS JWAUNESE REGRET THAT KILLER OF MADAME PARK HAD COME FROM JAPAN WITH WEAPON STOLEN IN JAPAN.

4. ACCORDING TO MOFA NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION CHIEF WOO MUN-KI, ROKG IS SATISFIED WITH JAPANESE EXPLANATION OF MIYAZAWA'S DIET TESTIMONY.
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